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MAYER, et al.)	Examiner: LU, Frank Wei Min
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Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to the office action mailed April 12, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE DRAWINGS

A proposed correction to Fig. 3 is enclosed.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

An abstract of the disclosure, on a separate sheet, is enclosed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3 and 5.

Please rewrite claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 13, 18, 19, 23, 24, and 25 to read as follows:

1 (Twice Amended). A method of nucleic acid amplification, comprising the steps of:

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A) providing (i) a plurality of primers that are immobilized but that have one end exposed to allow primer extension and (ii) a single stranded target nucleic acid molecule which comprises a given nucleic acid sequence to be amplified, and first and second nucleic acid sequences which have been ligated to the given sequence;

B) allowing a single stranded target nucleic acid molecule